TIME LINES

'Thanks' to Our Summer Volunteers!

Wild Wednesdays were wilder than ever this past June and July. The program's popularity with families has continued to grow over its 10-year history. Attendance records were broken with 3,336 participants over six weeks. In fact, some children have "grown up" with the program and have returned year after year to enjoy the scavenger hunts, crafts and other activities.

Credit goes to the creativity of museum staff who designed each week's theme and activities, and especially to the manpower of the teen volunteers who made it all hap-



Pictured above (I to r), Wild Wednesday summer volunteers, Dante Federico, Tyler Cano and Paul Pitner.
Pictured below (I to r, top to bottom), Wild Wednesday summer volunteers, Briana Evans, Colleen Bache, Carolyn Hess, Briana Hegle, Gabrielle Chen-Dickens, Federica Scarcella, and Althea Pergakis.



pen. The fact that this year's exhibit hall aides were some of the best ever is due in part to the leadership of Lindsay Samuell, herself a longtime volunteer with the program. Lindsay's "teammates" were: Colleen Bache, Allisa Bayliss, Tyler Cano, Gabrielle Chen-Dickens, Eddie Diaz, Brittany Erwin, Briana Evans, Dante Federico, Briana Hegle, Carolyn and Diana Hess, Madeline Hillebrand, Amol Jain, Casey Longbine, Cere Netters, Althea Pergakis, Paul Pitner and Federica Scarcella. Museum administrator Amy Douglass said, "I couldn't have asked for a better group of teens; they were so helpful and enthusiastic. They were even excited to wear the heavy (and hot!) costumes of McGruff the Crime Dog and Sammy Saguaro!

These weren't the only young volunteers hard at work at the museum this summer. Annual inventory and the extra visitors kept the Tempe Historical Society gift shop humming, too. The shop was assisted by Shelby Branson, Mackenzie Cripe, Eddie Diaz, Aaron Dickens, Daniel Estrada, Ines Ibarra, Maritza Martinez, Jordan Meissinger, Muhammad Seedat, and Beth Niebergall.

Behind the scenes and away from the crowds, other important work was going on in the collections area. Although the summer heat made it hard to imagine, these teens were working on decorations and preparations for the Petersen House's Danish Christmas program! Many thanks to the teens who tackled the delicate craft of "papirklip" ornaments—Christoph Armenta, Gabrielle Chen-Dickens, Sydney Files, Katelyn Keberle, Althea Pergakis and Paul Pitner.

Youth Advisory Committee Enters Third Year

The Historical Museum Youth Advisory Committee (HMYAC) is beginning its third year of providing a teen perspective to support the mission of the museum. The HMYAC helps the museum staff to understand teens' viewpoints on their community, its history, and how best to involve them in the museum's programs. Because teens represent the future of Tempe, we believe it is important that the museum includes them in planning and developing programs. Serving on the committee this year are: **Amol Jain** (Chair), (Continued on page 2)



New Exhibit

Art with a Cause

Art can promote the message of social change. This exhibit will feature 1970s Royal Chicano Air Force posters, including many that were created in California to support **Cesar Chavez** and the United Farm Workers Union (UFW). Discover the connection that Chavez, co-founder of the UFW, had to Arizona. Also on display will be examples of current Hispanic printmaking. The exhibit will open on November 5 at the City Hall Gallery, 31 East 5th Street, first floor. It will run through April 4, 2008.

Continuing Exhibits

A Proud Journey Home: Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese Communities in Arizona

This exhibit explores Cambodian, Laotian and Vietnamese refugee experiences in Tempe 30 years after the Vietnam War. Featured are oral histories, photographs and objects from these communities. The exhibit was funded in part through an Arizona Humanities Council grant. Since it opened, it has received several awards, including a national award from the American Association of State and Local History. The exhibit is open through spring 2008.

Tempe Police: Their Own Story The size, roles and technology of the Tempe Police Department have changed as Tempe has grown. In addition, the Department's excellent handling of special events makes it a model for other local cities. See the technology changes and learn about the new roles of officers. Hear officers tell their own story about what it is like to be a Tempe police officer. Bring your camera for a photo opportunity of you sitting on a real Tempe Police motorcycle. Stand under the 32-foot wingspan of the Tempe Police Department's ultralight that was used in the 1980s. The exhibit is open through spring 2008.



Youth Advisory Committee (Continued from page 1)

Tujuan Netters (Vice Chair), Frederica Scarcella (Secretary), Gabrielle Chen-Dickens, Casey Longbine, Althea Pergakis and Cere Netters.

The HMYAC is looking for representatives from Corona del Sol, Compadre, Mountain Pointe and Tempe High Schools, as well as the charter high schools in Tempe. If you attend any of these high schools, are a sophomore, junior or senior, and are interested in serving on the committee, please contact **Amy Douglass**, Museum Administrator at 480-350-5105. It's a great way to get involved with your community and build your résumé!

have expertise in experimental theater, immersive environments and family and children's learning spaces.

According to **Amy Douglass**, Museum Administrator, "The museum staff is very excited about working with such an outstanding team of consultants. The next year and a half will see a transformation of the facility, both inside and out, that will bring the Tempe Historical Museum toward our goal of being *the best community history museum in the West.*"

Fun Facts about Tempe High School

A century old this year, Tempe High School was formed in 1907 after the Normal School in Tempe (now ASU) decided to only enroll students with a high school diploma rather than an eighth grade education as they had done previously. While Tempe High was being built, classes were held in rented space above Curry Hardware. On September 9, 1909 the school opened for 31 students at the southeast corner of University Drive and Mill Avenue, behind where Chili's is presently situated. The first class of 12 students graduated in 1911. Ten years later the buffalo was chosen as the school mascot and blue and white as the school colors.

Explosive growth after World War II led to construction of a new high school in 1953 at the present day site at Broadway Road and Mill Avenue, which was considered way out in the country at that time. That complex began with six buildings; more were added through the late 1960s as population increased. The original Tempe High site was sold to developers who built Tempe Towne Center, the first strip mall in the city. The building was razed in 1955 to clear the land for construction and provide practice for the Tempe Volunteer Fire Department, who purposely set the building on fire. Tempe High is a leader in the state, becoming the first to implement a year-round schedule in 1995 and pioneering the quarter credit system.

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Tempe Union High School's girls basketball team, on the front steps of the high school in 1911. This photograph is from the museum's Old Settlers photographic collection.

Architect and Designer Selected for Renovation

Weddle Gilmore Architects has been selected as the architectural consultant for the museum renovation project. They will be the principal consultant during the programming and design phases of the project and also will provide construction administration. **Gyroscope**, **Inc.** will be the consultant focusing specifically on the design of the new exhibit gallery. The design process will begin in September once the contract has been approved by the Tempe City Council.

Weddle Gilmore focuses on providing design created from cultural, climate and site-specific conditions. They specialize in creating a sense of place that is a combination of environment and community. This firm has been recognized for environmental excellence in design by the Valley Forward organization. Weddle Gilmore is a member of the United States Green Building Council and its staff are LEED accredited professionals.

Gyroscope, Inc. is a museum planning and exhibition design company that specializes in building deeper connections within each community through the power of experiential exhibitions for all learning styles and ages. Their staff has worked in such museums as the Smithsonian Institution, the Royal Ontario Museum, Boston's Museum of Science, the Bishop Museum and the Bay Area Children's Discovery Museum. They

For questions or information about

Tempe High School's 100th Anniversary 2007 Homecoming Celebration

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OCTOBER

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION
Tuesday, October 2, 9 am
Museum Board Room / Free
Come explore all that volunteers can
do at the museum.

TEMPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LUNCH TALK
Wednesday, October 10
11:30 am – 1 pm
Museum classroom / Free
Dick George will present Descanse
En Paz, a traveling exhibit that explores the folk art of the handmade grave marker in the Southwest.
Bring your lunch. Coffee provided.



AWESOME AUTUMN ADVENTURE Thursday, October 11 10 am – 2 pm

Museum / Free admission
Join us for family fun featuring
crafts, stories and a scavenger hunt
for a prize. Find out about Tempe's
historic Hayden's Ferry. Celebrate
Family History Month by discovering
interesting ways to preserve your
own family's history.

TEMPE TARDEADA
Sunday, October 14, Noon – 8 pm
Tempe Community Complex
Annual Hispanic festival celebrating
Tempe's Hispanic heritage. Free
admission.



3RD THIRSTDAY NIGHT CAFÉ Thursday, October 18 6:30 – 8:30 pm Museum / Free

Visit the museum galleries, have a cup of coffee, and listen to **James**

Burns present Inclusive, Transformative, Representative: Tempe – A Desert Southwestern Urban Community. The talk begins at 7 pm.

NOVEMBER

TEMPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL BBQ Sunday, November 11, 4:30 pm Plencner Plaza

Everyone is invited to enjoy a delicious dinner, sponsored by Outback Steakhouse. The event features **Marshall Trimble**, Arizona's Official State Historian. Tickets are \$30 per person. Proceeds from the BBQ benefit the museum's programs and exhibits.

NOVEMBER 11 & 12 Museum closed for Veteran's Day.

TEMPE HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S LUNCH TALK Wednesday, November 14, 11:30 am – 1 pm

Museum classroom / Free Laura Tohe presents Women in Charge of Themselves: Southwestern Matrilineal Cultures. Bring your lunch. Coffee provided. Sponsored by the Arizona Humanities Council.



3RD THIRSTDAY NIGHT CAFÉ Thursday, November 15, 6:30 – 8:30 pm Museum / Free

Museum Renovation Round Table
Join the museum staff and the project consultants as we present preliminary design concepts for the
renovation of the museum facility.
This is your opportunity to get the
most up-to-date information and give

your input to this exciting project (related story, page 2).

NOVEMBER 22 & 23 Museum closed for Thanksgiving.

PETERSEN HOUSE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY DECORATING Tuesday, November 27 – Thursday, November 29

DECEMBER



HOLIDAY FANTASIA Saturday, December 1 1 – 4 pm Museum Free admission

Free holiday festivities for the whole family. There will be "make and take" activities, cookies and punch. Bring your camera for pictures with Santa.

DANISH CHRISTMAS AT THE PETERSEN HOUSE Saturday, December 1 through Saturday, January 5 Free admission

Ongoing on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 am to 2 pm. Sundays, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, from 12:30 to 3:30 pm (related story, page 4).

MUSEUM HOLIDAY
DECORATIONS
Saturday, December 1 through
Wednesday, January 2
Free admission
Holiday decorations will adorn the
museum's exhibit hall.

DECEMBER 25 Museum closed for Christmas.

Tempe Youths Earn Their Rank



This summer proved to be a busy time for the Tempe History Detective program. Seventy-two children signed up for the program during Wild Wednesdays. **Breslin Sibley** earned the rank of Tempe History Detective. Earning the rank of Jun-

ior History Investigator were **Wesley Hamlin** and **Matthew Jones**. Congratulations to all three!

Tempe History Detectives is an ongoing museum program for children between the ages of 6 and 12. The program is designed to engage children in educational activities that will arouse their curiosity and excitement about history while they explore Tempe's past. There are two levels of difficulty, one for ages 6-8 and one for ages 9-12. Each level has activities appropriate for the age group.

Some activities are completed at the Tempe Historical Museum. Attendance at special family events, such as *Awesome Autumn Adventure* and *Holiday Fantasia*, qualify as an activity (see calendar, above). Other activities may be completed at home or other historic locations around Tempe, then brought into the museum for credit. A few activities may require an adult's assistance. For more information call 480-350-5100.

Passings

Rudy H. Turk, Director Emeritus of the ASU Art Museum, passed away on August 14 at the age of 80. Rudy served on the Historical Museum Advisory Board from 1995 to 1998. Rudy, along with his wife **Wanda**, was a lifetime member of the Tempe Historical Society.



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MUSEUM HOURS

Monday - Thursday and Saturday 10 am - 5 pm Sunday 1 - 5 pm MUSEUM GIFT SHOP HOURS Monday - Thursday and Saturday 10 am - 4 pm; Sunday 1 - 4 pm PETERSEN HOUSE HOURS Tuesday - Thursday and Saturday 10 am - 2 pm

Visit the museum's website at www.tempe.gov/museum

Step Into History

Danish Christmas at the Petersen House

You are invited to join in celebrating a traditional Danish Christmas starting December 1 at the Petersen House Museum. This is the second year that the museum and the Danish Immigrant Museum of Elkhorn, Iowa have worked together to present this special month-long event.

The holiday decorations will interpret the Danish Christmas story, *Peter's Christmas*. The story, written by **J. Krohn**, tells of a young boy's Christmas in Denmark in the late 1800s, about the time **Niels Petersen** immigrated to the United States. Petersen was also instrumental in bringing other Danish families to the valley.

On Sunday, December 2, members of the Danish Immigrant Museum staff will launch the celebration. On each of the Sundays preceding Christmas, the festivities will include a reading of *Peter's Christmas* and other traditional Danish holiday activities. Light refreshments will be served on the porch.

The Petersen House is open from 10 am to 2 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. It will also be open for the four Advent Sundays from 12:30 to 3:30 pm starting December 2. Admission is free, but donations are appreciated.

The Tempe Historical Museum is a center where the community comes together to celebrate Tempe's past and ponder the future.